

Statutable Quarterly Meeting 3rd February 1903.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford on February 3rd 1903.

Present - In the Chair, Sir Tho. H. Grattan Esmonde Bart. M.P. and subsequently, Mr. Edmond Hore, Vice Chairman. Other Councillors - Messrs James Sinnott, J. D. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke, J. B. Heavin, John Bolger, M. A. Ennis, M. Browne, J. Bolger, J. F. Walsh, James Dodd, M. J. Furlong, J. H. Doyle, J. Cummins, M. Hickey, J. E. Maylor, and James Donohoe.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Return of Road Contracts.

arising out of last Minutes a return of the quantity of stones spread on roads with the amount contracted for, was presented by the County Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Ennis it was decided that this report should be printed and circulated amongst the members of the County Council, and the members of the various District Councils of the County.

Electric light - Asylum.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed that the standing orders of the Council should be suspended to allow of the meeting discussing the question of a loan for the District Asylum in connection with electric lighting. Mr. Donohoe moved - That the following minute of the Proposal Committee be confirmed - That the Council apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £2,100 for the purchase of Kilcarbery Mills as a station for the purpose of lighting the Enniscorthy District Asylum with electricity, and for any other purpose necessary for the Asylum, and a loan of £4,400 for supplying power for machinery for such lighting.

Mr. John Bolger seconded the motion, which passed.

unanimously.

Report of Auditor - a/c of Committee
of Agriculture & Technical Instⁿ

Letter No 57,797: 1902 under date November 5th 1902. from the Local Government Board, with the accompanying copy of the report of the Auditor, on his audit of his accounts of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the half year ended 31st March 1902 was read.

Report of Auditor - Gorey District
Council a/c

Letters No. 60,261 and 60,262 under date 11th November 1902, from the Local Government Board with the report of the Auditor as to his audit of the accounts of the Gorey Union and Gorey District Council, were read.

Report of Auditor - Asylum a/c

Letter No 68,774, 1902, under date 2nd January 1903 from the Local Government Board, with the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy District Asylum for the half year ended 31st March 1902 was read.

Surcharge of £5. remitted.

Letter No 64,681: 1902 Wexford County from the Local Government Board, and under date 19th December 1902. was read. This communication stated that the Local Government Board had issued an order remitting the surcharge of £5. made by the Auditor of the County Council accounts, and which payment was made out of the County funds as a subscription to the funds of the Irish County Councils General Council.

Declaration of Office

under date 24th November 1902, the Local Government Board (letter No 60,899/1902) wrote that the fine for failing to make the required declaration of office by a County Councillor should be fixed by a by-law made in accordance with the enactments applied by Section 16 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and a simple resolution of the County Council was not sufficient for that purpose.

The Chairman proposed - That the question of adopting a code of bye-laws for the County Council be referred to the following committee, Messrs. Hore, Donohoe, Leacocke, Hearn, Browne, Ennis, and the Chairman, and that the County Surveyor, and Solicitor to the Council be requested to attend the meetings of the committee. Passed.

Adoption of Rate Estimate

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ennis. "That as recommended by the Finance Committee we adopt the estimate of rate for General and Separate charges for the year, 1903-4. as presented by our Secretary"

Special Minute - lowest Tender

In connection with special minute to be made in cases in which the lowest tender for works had not been taken by the Proposal Committee, and a copy of which had been supplied to each member of the Council, the Proposal Committee at the Meeting of January 31st recommended that the Secretary be directed to carry out the regulations of the Local Government Board in the matter. On the motion of the Chairman the minute of the Proposal Committee was confirmed.

Poulduff Pier

With reference to the subject of improving the landing facilities at Poulduff, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, wrote under date, 11th November 1902 (Letter No 3334/02) that they were prepared to increase from £500 to £800 their maximum contribution of one third of the actual expenditure. On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted. "That our Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of this letter, and inform the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction that the matter is engaging the attention of the County Council"

Samples of butter analysed.

Under date, 17th December 1902 (Letter n^o 2614) the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote that their officer had obtained the following samples of butter which on examination by the County Analyst were found to be pure - Enniscorthy 5, Gorey 5, New Ross 5.

Recoupment, Cattle Diseases Fund.

In connection with claim made to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for recoupment out of the General Cattle Diseases Fund, letters No 26668/02 and 28038/02 from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and under date 4th December 1902 and 14th January 1903 were read.

The Secretary explained that the Relieving Officers of the Wexford Union had made claims on the County Council for the burial of carcasses in their districts, and the amounts had been paid on the distinct understanding that if the recoupment in these cases was not made by the Department, the Guardians would refund the amount.

The Department now refused to pay these items of the account until they had received further information, and he had referred these disputed items to the clerk of the union to make what explanation he considered necessary to the Department.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was adopted. - That in the event of the Department of Agriculture refusing to recoup the items paid on behalf of the Wexford Relieving Officers for burial of carcasses, that the Wexford Guardians be requested to refund the amount, as previous to their payment by the County Council the Assistant Clerk of the Wexford Guardians was informed that the amounts would be paid only on the understanding that the Guardians would refund them, should the Department fail to allow the claim.

for recoupment.

Collector Lennon - application
Increase in Poundage.

Under date, January 28th 1903, Mr. Andrew Lennon, Rate Collector wrote applying for an increase in his poundage. Mr. Lennon in his letter of application pointed out that, owing to the decrease in the rates since his appointment his poundage had been reduced to the amount of between £15 and £16 on years collection. This reduction together with payment of annual premium for security bond was a serious loss to him. Besides he had a very straggling and rugged district, and his rate of poundage was inadequate to compensate him for the onerous and laborious duties he had to perform. Many of the principal ratepayers in his district had informed him that they were of opinion that his remuneration for the collection of the rates should be equal to that paid the other collectors.

The following recommendation had been made on this application by the Finance Committee. "That the County Council refuse the application of collector Lennon, as he entered into a contract to perform his duties at a poundage rate of 6^d in the £."

Mr. J. D. Doyle proposed, and Mr. Hore seconded "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed."

Mr. Donohoe proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded. - "That collector Lennon be paid a poundage rate of 7^d in the £."

A poll was taken with the following result. For the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Messrs J. D. Doyle, Sinnott, J. Bolger, Browne, Peacocke, Ennis, Hore, Codd, Hickey, J. A. Doyle, Maylor, and the Chairman - 12. Against - Messrs Furlong, Donohoe, Cummins, Hearn and J. Bolger - 5.

The Chairman declared the recommendation of the Finance Committee confirmed.

Mr. Peacocke stated that if the resolution of

Notice of Motion - Collector.
Lennon's poundage.

the Finance Committee had been defeated he would have persevered in his contention that the matter could not have been discussed without a notice of motion.

Mr Cummins said he would give a notice of motion for next meeting that the resolution appointing Mr Lennon collector at 6^d in the £ be rescinded, and that this collector be paid at 7^d.

New Bridge at Waterford

An extract from the report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee of the Tipperary S. R. County Council with reference to the proposed new bridge at Waterford was read.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke the following resolution was adopted - "That this matter be left in the hands of our Solicitor, Mr Elger, and if he considers it necessary, that he request the Secretary to communicate with the Chairman, for the purpose of calling a special meeting to consider this question."

Co. Infirmary grant of £200.

A letter was read from the Registrar of the County Wexford Infirmary drawing attention to a report of a sub-committee pointing out alterations which it was necessary should be made in the building and applying to the County Council for a grant of £200 for the purpose.

The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation - "That we request the Local Government Board to inform the County Council whether it is competent for the Council in view of the fact that the maximum grant is being voted the County Infirmary to make a special grant of the amount applied for £200 having regard to the terms of section 2 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898-1902."

Mr Elger said it was a mistake to assume that the maximum grant was being voted

the Infirmary. The yearly contribution from the council was £1000 and the maximum was £1400. The chairman ^{moved} that the minute of the Finance Committee be confirmed. It was necessary they should elicit the opinion of the Local Government ^{Board} as to whether it was competent for the council to vote this money without taking any steps beyond the consideration of the letter from the Committee of the Co. Infirmary.

District Councillors as Sureties of Contractors.

A letter was read from the clerk of the Forcy District Council under date 28th December 1902 stating that the council had accepted the resignations of Messrs M. Lyons and A. O'Toole who were sureties for two road contractors under the Grand jury and the clerk of the District Council had attended at petty sessions when the Magistrates vacated the suretyship of Messrs Lyons and O'Toole - marked "Read"

Mr. D. Dempsey's disqualification

In connection with the disqualification of Mr. D. Dempsey. The Solicitor to the Council Mr. Elgu reported that Mr. Dempsey had vacated his suretyship at the Wexford Petty Sessions on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Dodd the following resolution was adopted that as advised by Council we apply to the Local Government Board to order a new election for the County Electoral Division of Ballyhustard.

Extra Expenses - Mr. Murphy.

A letter was read from Mr. Murphy, Coroner of North Wexford claiming £12.1. for holding inquests outside his own district, on notices received from the police. The Finance Committee had recommended that the matter be referred to Mr. Elgu.

Mr. Elgu said that so far as he could see the Co. Council could refuse payment if they wished.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. J. D. Doyle the Secretary was directed to

refuse payment as we consider that this work was included in the duties of Mr. Dobblyn in connection with the inspection of fairs. We would point out that other Veterinary Inspectors, who have to perform the duties in respect of an entire Rural District are only receiving £70 per annum. The resolution was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Gadd.

Gordon-Bennett's Automobile Race -

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Furlong, the following resolution was passed - That we approve of the Gordon-Bennett Automobile race being held in Ireland.

Resolution - One day pig fairs.

A resolution was received from the All Ireland Pig Dealers' Association in favour of holding one-day fixed pig fairs. Marked Read.

Change of date of Rate collection -

A resolution was received from the Kerry Co. Council asking the Local Government Board to effect the necessary change in the law to allow of the poor rate collection being closed on the first May and first November in each year instead of at present.

This resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. D. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Financial Relations - Co. Council and Wexford Urban Council.

With reference to the question of the re-adjustment of the financial relations between the County Wexford, and the Urban District of Wexford the Committee of the Council recommended that the Council should agree to the exemptions claimed by the Urban District of Wexford as set out in the letter of the Local Government Board, No. 46571, 1902, Wexford County under date 30th October 1902, and as amended by the Wexford District Council at the meeting of the 12th November 1902 according to extract from minutes of same by the Local Government Board.

On the motion of the Chairman it was

decided that the recommendation of the Committee in this matter be confirmed.

Resolution Proposal for payments.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted. That the several proposals for new works and for payments sent up by the Proposal Committee as regards expenditure chargeable to the County at large be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and including provisional proposal with regard to the purchase of Kilcarbery Mills and the installation of electricity for the District Asylum.

Proposals for payments etc - Rural District Councils.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted. That the several proposals for new works and for payments sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County for the current quarter be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and including provisional proposal for the construction of a bridge over the stream on the road leading to Monaseed Chapel.

Lane at Back of Court Ho.

On the motion of the Chairman the following minute of the Proposal Committee was confirmed. That the attention of the Wexford Corporation as sanitary authority be directed to the paragraph in the report of the County Surveyor referring to the condition of the lane at the back of the County Courthouse.

State of Rate collection.

The state of the rate collection having been laid before the meeting by the Secretary, the Chairman proposed - That Collectors Mullett, Nolan, Lacy, Banville, Doyle, and Barden

be informed that if they do not display more energy in the collection of the rates their appointment will have to be reconsidered by the council "Passed"

Telephone - Co. Council Offices.

on the motion of Mr. Ennis seconded by Mr. Walsh the following resolution was adopted - "That the proposal of the Proposal Committee to procure a telephone installation for the Co. Council Offices be confirmed, and that our Secretary be directed to sign the ordinary form of agreement with the National Telephone Coy.

Handbag - Sergt. John Madden.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Dodd.

That the application of Sergt. John Madden R.D.B. New Ross to purchase a handbag in which to carry samples under the Food and Drugs Acts. be acceded to at a cost not to exceed 15/-

Insurance - Workmen under Co. Surveyor.

That Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor enter into correspondence with the Yorkshire Fire and Life Insurance Company and that if satisfied with their terms that he enter into a policy with them for insuring the workmen employed on works given into his charge.

Expense of Summonses - Mr. Grath's collection.

That our Solicitor be directed to pay collector Barden the sum of £2 expenditure incurred by him for summonses in cases which had been dismissed by the Magistrates at petty sessions in connection with the collection of ex-collector Mr. Grath's arrears of rate.

Change in Road Specification

That after considering the amended road specification we are of opinion that it is unnecessary to make any further alteration therein, provided it be properly carried out by the County Surveyor and his deputies.

Land Conference.

Councillor Cummins moved the following motion standing in his name - That the report of

the Land Conference be considered with a view to the adoption of a resolution thereon.

Mr. Browne seconded the motion which passed.

Mr. Cummins then moved - That we express our satisfaction at the apparent prospect of a settlement of the Land question and we hope the government will rise to the importance of this great question, and take advantage of the findings of the Land Conference, and also of the able criticisms of those findings which have appeared in the Press during the past month and that they will introduce and pass a measure of land purchase which will be sufficiently attractive to landlords to induce them to sell to their tenants, and at the same time ensure to the tenants a reduction of 25% in their rents.

Mr. Browne seconded the resolution which was adopted, the Chairman (Mr. Hore) dissenting.

Local Govt. amending Act 1902.

The following motion standing in the name of Mr. Hore was moved by him - That the adoption of the changes introduced into County Council procedure by the Local Government Amending Act 1902. be referred to a committee for the purpose of reporting thereon to the next meeting of the Council.

That Mr. Elger Sol^r to the Council be directed to attend the meetings of this committee.

Mr. Walsh seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The following committee were appointed Messrs Hore, Walsh, Donohoe, Browne, and the Chairman of the Council.

The following were the dates selected for the Quarterly meetings of the District Councils and Proposal Committee for next quarter -

Wexford	4 th	April	10.30 am.
New Ross	11 th	"	12. Noon
Enniscorthy	14 th	"	11 am.

Gorey 15th April 12 noon
 Proposal Committee 17th April at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Works not tendered for at District Councils.

The following orders were made on works not tendered for at meetings of the District Councils.

Wexford District - To keep in repair 677 perches of a lane from Connors' Cross near Aughnagroath Bridge. not to exceed 3^d per perch.

Daniel Connors tendered at the full amount allowed, and his tender being the only one received was accepted, on the motion of Mr. Dodd seconded by Mr. Ennis.

New Ross District - To repair 774 perches from Dinturn to New Ross between Kelly's crossroads and Taylors town bridge not to exceed 6^d per perch. Referred back to District Council
 To maintain 527 perches between the crossroads of Battlistown and the crossroads of Haggard not to exceed 4^d per perch - Referred back to District Council.

To maintain 827 perches between the gullet at the bounds of Arklow and the crossroads of Doughratty not to exceed 1/6 per perch
 Referred back to District Council.

To make a road diversion from the Bog road where blocked by the Rosslare to Waterford Railway to the road leading to Ballycullane not to exceed £261. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Enniscorthy District - To maintain 993 perches between the cross of Upper Mangan, and the hollow of Ballynure not to exceed 5^d per perch - Referred back to District Council.

To maintain 230 perches of Asquinton lane from Monart factory to Killaligan not to exceed 7^d per perch. - Referred back to District Council.

Gorey District - To maintain 1170 perches between the bounds of the Rural District at Kilthomas and the barony bounds of Kilcomb not to

exceed 7^d per perch. Referred back to District Council.

Proposal Committee - To improve the accommodation of Reporters in the Ennisceorthy Courthouse, not to exceed £5. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor

Evicted Tenants Restoration Committee.

In connection with the report of the Evicted Tenants' Restoration Committee the following recommendation was received from the Finance Committee.

That we tender our best thanks to his Eminence Cardinal Logue, and the Members of the Evicted Tenants Restoration Committee for their exertions on behalf of the evicted tenants. We regret extremely that their well-meant efforts have not met with the success which they deserved owing to opposition from an unexpected quarter. That we call the attention of the Directory of the United Irish League to this matter and we request them to use their influence to facilitate the settlement of the evicted tenants on the Drumard estate County Leitrim.

Mr. Browne moved and Mr. Hearn seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee "Passed"

Mr. Browne moved - That the Hon. Treasurers to the Evicted Tenants' Fund forward the balance of the fund remaining in bank to Cardinal Logue, with a request that he return it for distribution amongst the evicted tenants of the County, by means of a County Convention or through the Standing Committee of the County.

Mr. Walsh seconded the resolution

A poll was taken with the following result. For the resolution Messrs Browne, J. Bolger, Walsh, Ennis, Hearn, Hore, Gadd, J. A. Doyle, J. D. Doyle, Mayler - 10.

Against - Messrs. Furlong, Linnott, & Cummins - 3

The chairman, Messrs Donohoe, and Hickey, declined to vote.

The chairman declared the motion carried.

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory

17th Castle Street

Dublin 11th Nov. 1902.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B.Sc. M.D. Public Analyst for the County of Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September 1902. 12 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.B. as follows.

<u>Articles</u>	<u>Number</u>
Butter	3
Buttermilk	3
Whiskey	3
Brandy	1
Cheese	1
Milk	1
Total	12.

They were all of good quality

For the Guardians of New Ross Union four drugs were analysed. They were correct.

A specimen of water analysed for New Ross Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains
Total solid matters 12.040

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia	0.021
Saline Ammonia	0.060
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.192
Sulphuric Acid	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2.0000

A slightly polluted water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twenty five drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. The teas were of good quality.

One of the drugs, namely, Aniseed Spirits of

Ammonia, contained an excess of Ammonia.
Two specimens of Compound Tincture of Gentian,
were both low in extract. A specimen of
Compound Decoction of Aloes received from
the same Institution was slightly low in
alcohol.

Two specimens of water analysed for Enniscomorthy
Urban District Council had the following
compositions

One imperial gallon contained in grains

	No 1	No 2
Total solid matters	11.900	12.600

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia	0.018	0.0035
Saline Ammonia	0.028	0.0025
Nitric Acid	Trace	1.110
Chlorine	2.885	2.087
Sulphuric Acid	1.4412	1.4412
Equal to calcium Sulphate	2.0000	2.0000

No 1 was polluted, No. 2 was a pure water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs
were analysed one of them, namely, Tincture
of cinchona, was slightly low in alkaloids.
A specimen of water analysed for Dr. Bell
Pettigrew, Ferns, had the following composition
One imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matters	16.100
---------------------	--------

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0035
Saline Ammonia	
Nitric Acid	0.0015
Chlorine	1.0000
Sulphuric Acid	1.292
Equal to calcium Sulphate	2.8824
	4.0000

A very good water.

A specimen of butter analysed for Wexford Co.
Council was pure. It contained 12.08 per cent
of water.

For Major Harmon, Adamstown, one specimen of basic
slag and one of feeding stuff were analysed with
the following results.

100 parts contain. (basic slag)

Phosphate of Lime	33.51
Equal to Phosphoric Oxide	15.65
Fineness	81.28
Total	100.00

100 parts contain (feeding stuff)

Moisture	12.60
Ash	6.60
Oil	7.60
x Albuminoids	18.81
Carbohydrates	54.39
Total	100.00
x Nitrogen	3.01

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society a specimen of basic slag was analysed with the following result.

<u>100 parts contain.</u>	
Phosphate of Lime	21.23
Equal to Phosphoric Oxide	9.72
Fineness	75.24
Total	100.00

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, nine drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed. The drugs were correct. One of the specimens of milk was deprived of at least 10 per cent of its fat and was therefore a debased article.
Total analyses - 74.

C. A. Cameron.

W. B. Keatinge
W. B. Keatinge.

3 April 1913.